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FOR THE

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Hugh R. Barnard, services selectman....	$111 25
Milton W. Spencer, services selectman...	96 00
Geo. M. French, services selectman.....	55 00
Silas A. Riddle, services town clerk	50 00
John Hodgman, services treasurer.....	40 00
Anna H. Farley, services school com.....	50 00
Charles B. Beal, } Supervisors.	8 00
Warrren G. Currier, } Supervisors.	4 00
William W. Darrah, } Supervisors.	4 00
Isaac N. Riddle, moderator, 1881	5 00
George F. Shepard, constable, 1880-81 ...	7 50
Charles A. Grant, police officer, 1880....	5 00
Silas A. Riddle, janitor town house	20 00
Union Publishing Co., for printing report	28 25
Dr. A. F. Carr, report of births and deaths	1 75
Pike & Heald, stove pipe 1880	7 59
Temple & Farrington, stationery	9 02
H. Townsend, to decorate soldier's graves	40 00
Jacob F. James, for specifications and surveying Parker road, 1881	9 50
Joseph B. Pierce, damage to horse and wagon on Parker road	15 00
John Hodgman, paid interest	3 00
George H. Wiggin, 1 cord wood.....	6 00
George F. Shepard, 1 cord wood.....	4 75
D. W. Erow, road machine	208 00
Charles S. Campbell, damage to sheep by dog	5 00
John Huskie, damage to sleigh.....	7 00
J. W. Odlin, copying depositions.....	5 70
Quincy Barnard, for services as tax collector ,1880.....	220 00
William Walker, for watering trough.....	3 00
E. J. Campbell, for watering trough	3 00
Temple & Farrington, stationery.....	4 00
M. J. Kendall, kerosene and chimneys for town house	13 37
Harry A. Shepard, lettering guide boards and repairing graveyard gate.....	33 50

Silas A. Riddle, cutting bushes in grave-yard and sawing wood	5 15	
Nathaniel Flint, agent district No. 11, school house tax	85 00	
Solomon Manning, agent district No. 9, school house tax	20 00	
		$1,193 33

ROAD BILLS FOR 1881-82.

Clinton French, repairing New Boston road	50 00
Clinton French, Non-resident highway tax	30 60
W. R. Blood, labor on highway	16 97
Sanford Roby, labor on highway	13 50
C. P. Clement, labor on highway	13 62
A. L. Flint, repairing Parker road	30 55
Horace Holbrook, repairing Wallace bridge	160 00
W. F. Conner, rep. culvert and highway	15 46
W. F. Conner, labor with road machine	40 00
Harrison Campbell, labor on highway	1 25
Stephens Bros. " " "	15 00
J. H. Rand. " " "	4 48
W. F. Conner, labor with road machine	80 00
Sanford Roby, labor on highway	24 00
Alfred Campbell, labor on highway	1 65
R. F. Rollins, breaking roads	1 75
J. H. Tinker, labor on highway	5 64
James Gardner, work on railing Boynton road	8 25
John Reagan, cutting bushes	1 50
W. C. Parker, labor on Parker road	5 50
F. E. Scheer, work on Boynton road	25 00
J. S. Parkhurst, blacksmith work for railing	11 40
John Welch, labor on highway	75
S. C. Damon, lumber for railings &c	37 66
W. [illegible], cutting bushes, Gilmore road	1 80
Corwin J. Parker, labor on highway	3 00
G. A. King, labor on highway	10 43
Wm. McAfee, labor on highway	5 45
E. G. Tolford, breaking roads	18 45
W. F. Conner, breaking roads	4 95
G. F. Shepard, breaking roads	4 10
F. F. French, breaking roads and labor	43 16

P. T. Campbell, work on highway	19 02	
Sanford Roby, breaking roads	29 40	
J. G. Vose, breaking roads	13 80	
J. Q. Ferguson, labor on highway	18 49	
E. J. Campbell, labor on highway	9 60	
E. J. Campbell, breaking roads	3 64	
E. J. Campbell, breaking roads	11 75	
John Reagan, breaking roads	3 67	
N. B. Hull, 2d, breaking roads	13 85	
Bradford Beal, breaking roads	8 38	
W. G. Currier, breaking roads	5 96	
Clinton French, labor and breaking roads	35 01	
Isaac N. Riddle, labor on highway	3 75	
Thos. M. Ferguson, breaking roads	31 09	
J. M. Hodgman, breaking roads	34 67	
Stephen Goff, posts and breaking roads	22 65	
Walter Gage, breaking roads	8 55	
Asa Carley, road through field	1 50	
O. L. Kendall, collector 1881 highway orders	1,173 76	
		$2,134 41

WORK ON AND BREAKING ROADS IN 1880-81.

N. B. Hull 2d	$28 00
W. F. Conner	11 80
M. W. Spencer	21 00
W. W. Darrah	3 50
G. F. Barnard	26 50
Asa Carley	8 86
Solomon Manning	6 00
Michael Boynton	7 08
C. B. Hartshorn	22 10
Stephen Goff	22 10
M. N. Flint	12 00
Bradford Beal	7 25
W. D. Mitchell	17 53
D. R. Barnard	9 25
Stillman Parkhurst	17 96
H. P. Worthley	41 82
H. A. Shepard	2 40
W. F. Conner	1 80
Daniel Parker	12 53
W. R. Blood	2 60
T. B. Spencer	6 00
F. Weissback	14 05

E. G. Tolford	28 27	
J. H. Rand	14 70	
J. H. Rand,	1 25	
Stevens Bros	30 78	
T. W. Richards	4 50	
Quincy Barnard, collector 1880	409 48	
Stillman Parkhurst	5 75	
J. W. Brown, in 1879	1 75	
		$798 61

ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatement of taxes on Quincy Barnard's list, 1880, to-wit, Charles E. Barr, poll	$ 1 30
Frank E. Parker, poll	1 30
George S. Campbell, poll and dog	2 30
Harvey P. Campbell, poll	1 30
Seth P. Campbell, 2d, dog	1 00
Frederick Smith, poll	1 30
Benjamin Stone, dog and poll	2 30
Augustus Leland, poll	1 30
Albert J. Wilkinson, poll	1 30
Frank P. Wiggin, poll	1 30
Hazen Colby, poll	1 30
John M. C. Hill, real estate	34
James Huskie, poll	1 30
Arnold Lobdell, poll	1 30
Luke O. Riely, poll and school house tax	1 35
Martin Mahan, poll and school house tax	1 35
John Anderson, poll	1 30
Harriet W. Adams, dog	1 00
Milton W. Spencer, abatement of taxes for year1880, per vote of the town	45 50
Horace Townsend, abatement of poll tax 1880	1 30
Corwin J. Parker, abatement of poll tax 1880	1 30
Reuben Bugbee, abatement poll tax 1880, he being over 70 years of age	1 30
James R. Leach, abatement of tax on logs 1880	9 10
Warren G. Currier, abatement real estate tax 1880	1 95
Charles Seavey, abatement of poll tax from 1872 to 1880 inclusive	12 70

Charles H. Kendall, abatement of homestead tax, 1880-1	9 77	
Gilman Robertson, abatement real estate tax, 1881	7 00	
Leonard Robertson, abatement on lumber tax, 1881	2 00	
James S. Lord, abatement dog tax, 1881	1 00	
William McDole, abatement on money tax 1881	1 00	
Jesse Witherspoon, abatement on homestead tax, 1881	1 50	
		$119 36

PERSONS AIDED BY THE TOWN.

1881.		
Sept. 21, Bell Campbell, widow of Geo. W. Campbell, towards support of herself and two children	$10 00	
Oct. 13, Bell Campbell, widow of Geo. W. Campbell, towards support of herself and two children	8 00	
Nov. 22, Bell Campbell, widow, of Geo. W. Campbell, towards support of herself and two children	8 00	
Dec. 19, Bell Campbell, widow of Geo. W. Campbell, towards support of herself and two children	10 00	
1882.		
Feb. 1, Bell Campbell, widow of Geo. W. Campbell, towards support of herself and two children	9 50	
		$45 50

COUNTY CHARGES.

Jennie R. Goffe, for keeping travellers in 1880	$3 00
M. J. Kendall, for furnishing sundries to the family of George S. Campbell	10 30
Dr. D. P. Campbell, for professional services attending the family of Geo. S. Campbell	10 00
Nov. 22, Elvira and M. A. Walker, for assistance towards support	14 00
Dec. 19, Elvira and M. A. Walker, for assistance towards support	6 00

1882.		
Jan. 10, Elvira and M. A. Walker, for assistance towards support	10 00	
Feb. 22, Elvira and M. A. Walker, for assistance towards support	10 00	
Stillman Parkhurst, for removing an itinerant insane person to his home	3 00	
		$66 30

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY, 1881.

District No. 1	$351 98	
District No. 2	168 00	
District No. 3	102 78	
District No. 4	239 95	
District No. 5	115 63	
District No. 6	153 09	
District No. 7	180 12	
District No. 8	131 26	
District No. 9	113 43	
District No. 10	34 77	
District No. 11	81 25	
		$1,672 26

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHANIEL B. HULL, 2d,
ISAAC N. RIDDLE,
HORACE TOWNSEND,

Selectmen of Bedford.

Bedford, March 1st, 1882.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Bedford in account with John Hodgman, Treasurer

DR.

To cash on hand March 1, 1881	$523 14	
Received of Quincy Barnard, collector, 1880	1,880 75	
Received of Quincy Barnard, interest on taxes, 1880	60 80	
Received of S. A. Riddle, graveyard lots	63 00	
Received of S. A. Riddle, for use of Town Hall	46 00	
Received of the selectmen, M. W. Spencer, highway tax, 1880	11 03	
Received of the selectmen, from the county	46 30	
Received of the selectmen, for advertisements	13 00	
Received of Riddle & Hodgman	300 00	
Received of O. L. Kendall, col. 1881	4,651 08	
Received of the state railroad tax	86 01	
Received of the state savings bank tax	1,602 31	
Received of the state literary fund	89 87	
		$9,373 29

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By cash paid county tax	$1,153 46	
Paid state tax	1,512 00	
Paid town note No. 2	500 00	
Paid interest on town note No. 2	38 13	
Paid Riddle & Hodgman	300 00	
Paid whole amount of school money as divided by the selectmen in 1881	1,672 26	
Paid town orders drawn current year 1881	4,083 69	
By cash on hand March 1, 1882	113 75	
		$9,373 29

STANDING OF THE TOWN FINANCIALLY, MARCH 1, 1882.

LIABILITIES.

Town officer's salaries for the year 1881,	$561 00	
Unpaid orders drawn 1881-2	273 89	
Highway taxes worked	342 64	
Dog taxes for 1880-81, after deducting damage done by dogs	272 00	
School money of 1881 not divided	27 05	
Estimated out-standing highway bill for breaking roads, &c	250 00	
		$1,726 58

ASSETS.

Due from collector, 1881	$1,374 57	
Cash on hand March 1, 1882	113 75	
		$1,488 32
Balance against the town, March 1, 1882,		$238 26

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HODGMAN,

Town Treasurer.

Bedford, March 1, 1882.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bedford:

The following is the report of your Committee, and is respectfully submitted:

DISTRICT No. 1.

QUINCY BARNARD—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $351.98.

Miss Miriam B. Gilmore, of Bedford, has taught during the entire year. Miss Gilmore's reputation as an earnest and faithful teacher has long been established.

The school made good progress, and appeared well at its close.

	1stT.	2ndT.	3dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	9	9	10
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	18	20	18
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	15	12	12
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	33	32	30
Number of pupils under five years of age .	0	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age .	0	0	0
Number of visits by Superintendent . .	2	3	2
Number of visits by prudential committee..	0	0	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens...	28	18	24
Wages of teacher per month.....	$28	$28	$28

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Alice M. Stevens, Mamie E. Cooper, Bertha Parkhurst, Jennie L. Shepard, Annie R. Flint, Grace Farley, Frank H. Barnard, Charles R. Parkhurst, George C. Goffe, Louis C. Goffe, Freddie G. Fifield, Irving N. Frosher, Herbert J. Frosher, Freddie H. Stevens.

Second Term—Alice M. Stevens, Mamie E. Cooper, Ber-

tha Parkhurst, Jennie L. Shepard, Frankie Barnard, Charles Parkhurst, George C. Goffe, Louis C. Goffe, Charles Jones, Herman Jones, Eddie Seavey, Albert C. Parker.

Third Term—George A. Jenkins, Jennie L. Shepard.

DISTRICT No. 2.

WILLIAM W. MOORE—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $168.00.

Miss Fannie L. Perry, of Manchester, N. H., taught the entire year, and proved herself an efficient teacher in every respect. The school made good progress in all studies.

	1stT.	2ndT.	3dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	8	8	9
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	10	10	12
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	15	14	13
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more . . .	25	24	27
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	2	2	2
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	23	22	25
Number of visits by Superintendent .	2	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	11	6	6
Wages of teacher per month	$24	$26	$26

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Jessie F. Parker, Mary Parker, Marion Moore, Charles Burns, Lucretia Burns.

Second Term—Nellie C. Jenkins, Jessie F. Parker, Gertrude B. Adams, Edna S. Raney, Marion Moore.

Third Term—Marion Moore, Frank Corliss, Simeon Parker.

DISTRICT No. 3.

WINGATE M. DARRAH—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $102.78.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Mary A. Walker, of Bedford, N. H. Miss Walker is an earnest and faithful worker in the school-room, as the school bore ample testimony at its close.

	1stT.	2ndT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	9	12
Whole number of different boys attending two		

weeks or more	8	10
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	9
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more, ...	17	19
Number of pupils under five years of age, .	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age, .	0	0
Number of pupils between five and fifteen, .	17	19
Higher branches—English composition, .	6	0
Drawing, ...	7	0
Number of visits by Superintendent, . . .	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee, .	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens, .	10	15
Wages of teacher per month, . . . , .	$18	$20

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Meltie N. Mitchell, Frankie S. Fogg.
Second Term—Jennie E. Darrah.

DISTRICT No. 4.

CHARLES D. TAFFE—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $239.95.

This school was under the charge of Miss Lizzie J. Taffe, during the entire year; the school is one of the smallest in town. Three of the scholars attending the Fall term belonged in District No. 3., and there are eight attending from that district during the Winter term, which is now near its close. Miss Taffe is a faithful worker in the school-room,—she labored under a disadvantage, on account of irregular attendance during the first and second terms.

	1stT.	2ndT.	3dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	9	12	14
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more, ...	7	8	9
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more, ...	4	3	3
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more, ...	11	11	12
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen yrs. of age,	1	1	1
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	10	10	11
Higher branches—book-keeping, . .	0	0	1
Algebra	0	0	1
Philosophy	0	0	1

Number of visits by Superintendent .	2	2	1
Number of visits by prudential committee	0	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	10	12	10
Wages of teacher per month, . .	$24	$24	$24

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Laura A. Campbell.
Second Term—Flora L. Kendall, John N. Kendall.

DISTRICT No. 5.

JOHN M. HODGMAN—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $115.63.

The first term was taught by Miss Ella N. Moulton, of Manchester, N. H. It was Miss Moulton's first term of teaching. The school made good progress, and appeared well at the close of the term.

The second term was taught by Miss Eunice Stevens,—an experienced teacher, and needs no commendation.

	1stT.	2ndT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	7.6	13
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more, ...	12	10
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more, ...	9	6
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more, ...	21	16
Whole number of pupils under five years of age,	1	1
Whole number of pupils over fifteen yrs. of age,	3	2
Number of pupils between five and fifteen, .	18	14
Higher branches—vocal music, . . .	0	16
Book-keeping, ...	1	1
Algebra, ...	2	1
Number of visits by Superintendent, . .	3	2
Number of visits by prudential committee, .	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens, .	18	10
Wages of teacher per month, ...	$20	$20

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Ella L. S. Hodgman, Hannah Murphy, Tommy Murphy. Willie M. Young, tardy 1.

Second Term—Ella L. S. Hodgman. Clara M. Gault, tardy 1, Carrie E. Patten, tardy 3. Leslie Dolloff, John Murphy, Tommy Murphy.

DISTRICT No. 6.

CHARLES H. CLAPP—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $153 09.

This school was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lizzie L. Clapp,—a teacher of large experience from Maine. Miss Clapp has the faculty of making her pupils do much, and do it well. A marked improvement was shown in every direction. The declamations at the close of the school were unusually good.

	1stT.	2ndT.	3dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	10	8	9
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more, . . .	6	11	10
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more. . . .	5	5	5
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more, . . .	11	16	15
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	0	1	2
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	11	14	13
Number of visits by Superintendent, .	3	2	3
Number of visits by prudential committee.	1	0	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	10	5	25
Higher branches—composition, . .	11	15	18
Drawing, ...	11	0	0
Physiology, ...	0	2	3
Book-keeping, ...	0	1	1
Wages of teacher per month, . .	$20	$22	$22

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Nellie Kean, Fannie Worthley, Frank D. Holbrook.

Second Term—Mary Worthley, Fannie Worthley, Nellie Kean, Lizzie S. Holbrook, Frank D. Holbrook, Alonzo Holbrook, Henry Wheeler, Willie J. Clapp, George F. Taylor, Arthur E. Bursiel, Neil McKelvie, Fred G. Holbrook.

Third Term—Charles M. Rodgers, Frank D. Holbrook, Alonzo Holbrook, Lizzie S. Holbrook, Nellie Kean.

DISTRICT No. 7.

EDWIN DUNLAP—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $180.12.

The summer term was taught by Miss Carrie I. Gonzales,

of Manchester, N. H.; the fall and winter terms by Miss Ida J. Spencer, of Bedford; and during the visits made, the school seemed to be hard at work and making good progress.

	1stT.	2dT.	3dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	10	10	11
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	5	5	6
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	7	6	7
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	12	11	13
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	2	2	4
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	10	9	9
Higher branches—algebra,	2	2	2
Higher branches—natural history,	1	0	1
Number of visits by superintendent	3	2	1
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	15	10	6
Wages of teacher per month,	$20	$20	$28

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Robert Dunlap, Mary Dunlap, Susie Witherspoon.

DISTRICT No. 8.

WINFIELD S. GAGE, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $131.26.

The summer and winter terms were taught by Miss E. Maria Dickey, of Manchester, a teacher of large experience. The school appeared well and made good progress.

	1stT.	2dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	10	10
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	7	9
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	11	12
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	18	21
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	0	3
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	18	18
Number of visits by superintendent,	3	1
Number of visits by prudential committee,	1	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	10	10
Wages of teacher per month,	$21	$23

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Carrie E. Rand.
Second Term—Carrie E. Rand.

DISTRICT No. 9.

SOLOMON MANNING, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $113.43.

The first term was taught by Miss Ida J. Spencer, of Bedford; the second term by Miss Mabel A. Buttrick, of Milford, N. H.; the third term by Miss Nina D. Annis, of Manchester, N. H. The prudential committee was very fortunate in securing the services of three able and efficient teachers. It was the first term of teaching of Miss Buttrick, and also of Miss Annis. The school is an interesting one and has done well. The examination was thorough and satisfactory.

	1stT.	2dT.	3dT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	9	8	6
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	10	10	12
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	20	19	18
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	30	29	30
Whole number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	2	4	5
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen,	25	24	25
Higher branches, vocal music,	0	0	29
" " Drawing,	0	1	1
" " Composition,	0	0	8
" " Physiology,	0	2	2
" " Book-keeping,	0	1	0
" " Algebra,	3	3	2
Number of visits by the Superintendent,	2	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	1	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	19	22	20
Wages of teacher per month,			$24

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Minnie E. Fulton, Margie A. Manning, Hattie C. Shepard, Edith L. Shepard, Mertie Peaslee, Mira L.

Conner, Edith M. Conner, Bessie P. Conner, Jesse C. Parker, Gawen G. Parker, Lena Parker, Frank Brown.

Second Term—Mertie Peaslee, Hattie C. Shepard, Edith L. Shepard, Bessie P. Conner, Edith M. Conner, Hattie Parkhurst, Freeman Parker.

Third Term—Bessie P. Conner, Frankie Conner.

DISTRICT No. 10.

DAVID STEVENS—Prudential Committee.

Whole amount of school money, $34.77.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Amanda M. McDougall, a teacher of experience. The school appeared well, and made good progress.

	1stT.	2ndT.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	9	8
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more.	3	3
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	6	6
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	9	9
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen yrs. of age,	1	1
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	8	8
Higher branches—book-keeping,	1	1
Algebra,	0	1
Number of visits by Superintendent,	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	7	1
Wages of teacher per month,	$20	$20

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Rose S. Chapman.

Second Term—Rose S. Chapman.

DISTRICT No. 11.

HENRY L. PEASLEE—Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, $81.25.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Hattie J. Parkhurst, of Merrimack, N. H.;—and the Fall term by Miss Carrie I. Gonzales, of Manchester, N. H. The school appeared well at the close.

	1st T.	2nd T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	8	9
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	5	7
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	9	9
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	14	16
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen yrs. of age,	1	3
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	13	13
Higher branches—drawing,	0	2
Number of visits by Superintendent,	3	2
Number of visits by prudential committee,	1	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	8	4
Wages of teacher per month,	$18	$24

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Grace M. Peaslee.
Second Term—Grace M. Peaslee.

Whole number of pupils in the town between the ages of five and fifteen, as returned by the selectmen:

Boys,	109
Girls,	126
Total	235

Amount of school money raised upon the state valuation for the year 1881,	$1,323 00
Dog taxes for the years 1878-79	278 00
Literary fund, 1881	97 31
Amounts,	$1,698 31
Amount divided between the school districts by the selectmen.	$1,672 26

The selectmen, for reasons best known to themselves, divided the dog taxes and literary fund according to poll and estate, contrary to custom, and contrary to the expressed will of the town, which took the money from the smaller districts, where it was needed, and gave to the larger districts, where it was not needed, which was manifestly unjust.

Your superintendent is of the opinion that there should be some way devised for a more equal division of the school funds; for instance: district No. 9, with thirty scholars, receives

$113.43, which is less than four dollars per scholar, while No. 4, with ten scholars, receives $239.95, which is twenty-four dollars per scholar. I have cited these two districts to show the inequality existing in the town.

Your superintendent has made sixty official visits during the year, and from close observation is happy to state that the school year has been a profitable one; the teachers without exception have been faithful to the trusts reposed in them, and the discipline, with a single exception, has been good; and where new text books have been required, the parents have responded cheerfully.

JOHN HODGMAN,

Superintendent.

Bedford, March 1, 1882.

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